

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

I have no personal interest in any issues relating to copying DTV content, since I do not watch television and therefore do not subscribe to, nor access, such data. Therefore, I have no opinion on this portion of the issue.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? Again, this question is immaterial to me for the reasons stated above.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

My issue is that I am not an entertainment industry consumer. I am a licensed member of the Amateur Radio Service. As such, the broadcast flag may directly encroach upon my licensure. (See below)

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Such a "broadcast flag" has the potential to curtail or eliminate my ability to participate in Part 97.1 paragraphs (c) and (d) wherein the Commission "provide(s) for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art" and "expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts."

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

If members of the Amateur Radio Service (ARS) are forced to purchase A-D and D-A equipment from an FCC-generated monopoly of entertainment industry cartels -- as opposed to building their own or modifying old-generation equipment as is now the common practice -- this would have a profound adverse impact upon the ARS.

Other Comments:

I object to the appropriation and sale of radio spectrum as currently perpetrated by the FCC. Establishing regulations which further curtail rights and access of the general population so as to further the monopolistic agenda of one single for-profit industry is contrary to public interest.